(b) The responsibility for administrative of medical care under the ESI Act vests on the State Govts. However, the following steps have been taken to improve the working of the ESI hospitals:—

(i) In a recent meeting of Labour Ministers, the State Govts. were requested to fill up the vacant posts under the ESI Scheme at the earliest and also ensure adequate supply of medicines and equipment.

(ii) To enable the State Govts. to overcome the financial constraints, the ESI Corporation has started releasing advance payment instead of releasing the money on a quarterly basis.

Vacancies of Presiding Officers in Central Industrial Tribunal

1818. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 8 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 1993 and state·

(a) the number of vacancies of presiding officers that occurred in the Central Industrial Tribunal during the last three years;

(b) the date on which each cavancy occurred and also the date on which each vacancy was filled up;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to constitute a separate panel of judges to preside over Industrial Tribunals/Labour Courts;

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon; and

(e) whether Government propose to have a high level review of the policy regarding Industrial Tribunals/Labour Counrts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A total number of seven vacancies of Presiding Officers occurred in the Central Goevrnment Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts during the period from 1-8-90 to 31-7-93. A statement showing the dates of occurrence and filling of these seven vacancies during the above period is attached (See below). Another Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court sanctioned at Jaipur during January 1992 has not yet started functioning as the post of Presiding Officer has not been filled.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) On the basis of the deliberations held in various forums on the Ramanujam Committee Report on New Industrial Relations Law and also keeping in view the Report of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Industrial Restructuring, specific proposals to amend the Industrial Disputes Act 1947 and the Trade Unions Act 1926 have been formulated.

Statement

Statement showing the dates of occurrence and filling of vacancies of Presiding Officers in Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts during the period from 1st August 1990 to 31st July 1993.

Sl. No.	Name of CGIT-cum-LC	Date on which vacancy occurred	Date on which vacancy filled up
1.	No. 2, Dhanbad	24-11-1990	01-07-1991
2.	Calcutta	30-11-1990	08-04-1991
3.	No. 1, Bombay	20-12-1991	19-04-1993
4.	Jabalpur	05-09-1992	..
5.	No. 1, Dhanbad	14-01-1993	..
6.	No. 2, Bombay	31-07-1993	..
7.	Kanpur	30-07-1993	..